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1. CASE INVOLVING THREE SALMON GILLEN VESSELS WHICH VIOLATED INPFC ABSTENTION LINE 1973 STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION AND FORMAL CHARGES NOT YET FIELD BY KUSHIRO CITY PROSECUTOR. JFA BELIEVES CAPTAINS AND MASTERFISHERMEN OF EACH VESSEL MAY BE INDICATED: THEY ARE NOW FREE ON BAIL. VESSELS STILL TIED AT DOCK AND FISHERY AGENCY HAS NOT REACHED DECISION AS TO ADMINISTRATIVE PUNISHMENT.

2. ASO MARU RETURNED TO TOBATA PORT IN AUGUST IN CUSTODY JAPAN PATROL VESSEL HAKURYU MARU. PUBLIC HEARINGS HELD AUGUST 9 AND JFA ORDERED ADMINISTRATIVE PUNISHMENT OF 60 DAYS AT PORT BEGINNING AUGUST 11. SINCE COST OF MOORING AT PORT IS ABOUT 7,500 DOLLARS A DAY, THIS PENALTY EQUIVALENT 450,000 DOLLARS - A VERY STIFF PENALTY BY JAPAN STANDARDS. PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE NOW EXAMING EVIDENCE TO DETERMINE WHETHER CAPTAIN, CAPTAIN AND COMPANY, OR COMPANY ALONE RESPONSIBLE FOR VIOLATION.

3. FISHERY AGENCY HAS ALSO SENT WARNING TO ALL TRAWLERS AND
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NOKUTENSEN FISHING NORTH PACIFIC/BERING SEA TO ADHERE STRICTLY TO

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